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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Full Gospel Assembly of Queens of Richmond Hill, New York, from February 5-7, 2016

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Full Gospel Assembly of Queens of Richmond Hill, New York, to be feted at its Weekend Celebration from February 5-7, 2016; the theme at this auspicious event is entitled Great Expectations; and

WHEREAS, This joyous occasion will be acknowledged with a myriad of events to be held throughout the weekend including an Inaugural Richmond Hill Community Resource Fair, which will allow the opportunity for businesses, community organizations and government agencies to provide their services and resources to community members; a Black Tie Dinner Gala at Jericho Terrace; and a 10th Anniversary Celebration Service to be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Full Gospel Assembly of Queens was founded by Senior Pastor Michael Bacchus on February 5, 2006, and held its first service at Occasions Banquet Hall, Springfield Gardens, New York; since then, attendance has doubled and the Church has purchased its own building; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last decade, the leaders and congregation of the Full Gospel Assembly of Queens have instituted several community

programs and services, including a food pantry, educational supplies and clothing distribution, Scholarship Program, social services and various referral systems; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable religious institution plans on adding several other programs and services in the coming years such as Senior Center, Educational Services, ESL Training, Daycare Center, and Professional Skills Development, as well as a Community Counseling Center; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Pastors, Reverends Jonnel and Aisha Doris, and Minister Heather Barfield, the Full Gospel Assembly of Queens stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Full Gospel Assembly of Queens of Richmond Hill, New York to be observed from February 5-7, 2016, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverends Jonnel and Aisha Doris, Pastors, and Pastor Heather Barfield, Minister, The Full Gospel Assembly of Queens.